

THE CHASE FOR THE
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, inspiration can come in many forms for athletes and teams when they are seeking fame, glory, records and titles. It is rare, however, when a team dedicates its quest for a championship to a teammate who didn't see a single minute of action.

The lacrosse team from Northwest Guilford High School, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, dedicated its season and its title hopes to a teammate who was tragically killed last fall. On October 29, 2010, Chase Bunting died following a skateboarding accident. Northwest Guilford dubbed its quest for a state title the "Chase for the Championship" in honor of Chase Bunting.

With an ending only Hollywood could have imagined, the Vikings of Northwest Guilford completed their mission for Chase with a 13-9 win over East Chapel Hill High School to capture the 2011 North Carolina High School Athletic Association lacrosse championship.

On May 14, 2011, at the WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, Northwest Guilford started out strong with a 7-0 lead after the first period of play. The Vikings never let East Chapel Hill within 4 goals to capture their first lacrosse championship. The team knew all along it was playing for more than just themselves. "The death of Chase changed our season in a big way," sophomore starter Robert Lincks told The Northwest Observer. "It brought our team a lot closer together and motivated us even more to win it for him."

The players of the championship team are Captain and tournament MVP Jay Goldsmith, Dre Baskerville, Conner Dillion, Ethan Tingle, Jacob Marrapese, Brian Ha, Braden Payne, Nolan Carper, Travis Price, Robert Lincks, Trenton Ankenbruck, Diego Rengel-Parrish, Kyle Dorr, Reid Baxter, Chase Bunting, Conner Burkett, John Pappas, Jon Duncan, Hector De Jesus, Tammer Aboughalyoun, Adam Griffin, Zach Leicht, Cole Anderson, Cole Abourjilie, Parker Scaggs, Brandon Safrit, Will Ross, Payne Dunlap, Grant Simpkins, Brandon Sumner, Nick Nawrocki, Thomas Harris, Zach Sprague, Parker Leonard, Dallas Joyce, and Seth Hendrix.

The Vikings were led by Head Coach Mark Goldsmith. Coach Goldsmith actually captured his second North Carolina high school lacrosse championship. In 2000, he was the head coach when Southeast Guilford captured the state title. With the death of Chase Bunting prior to the start of the season, Coach Goldsmith told the Raleigh News & Observer that his current team had a special mission because of Chase's death. "That brought us together," he told the newspaper, "with one goal in mind. We dedicated the season to Chase. The kids worked so hard for everything we got. I'm just glad we're able to bring home the hardware."

We are sure that Coach Goldsmith would agree that he was ably assisted by Assistant Coach Vern Schmidt, Second Assistant Coach Robbie Innella and managers Tara Murphy, Morgan Eddins, Chamberlain Staub, and Mia Furfaro. In addition, those aiding the title hunt

were members of the Northwest Vikings Lacrosse Booster Club, including President Darrel Pappas, Vice President Karen Abourjilie, Trish Hendrix, Robin Lincks, Neil Dorr, Robin Bunting, Marc Dillon, Tim Ankenbruck, Stacy Leicht, Kristin Sprague, and Todd Sprague.

The Vikings finished their magical season with a record of 20-2 and the satisfaction of knowing that they completed their mission. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Northwest Guilford lacrosse team for winning the 2011 state title, but more importantly, for completing the "Chase for the Championship." We know that Chase Bunting is smiling approvingly.

HONORING DONALD G. LEY SR.,
VETERAN AND WOODBURY
HEIGHTS FIRE MARSHAL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald G. Ley Sr. for his five decades of service with the Woodbury Heights Fire Department. Currently serving as Fire Marshal and Safety Officer for the borough of Woodbury Heights, Mr. Ley is an inspirational example of American courage and heroism.

Some aspire to retire young from their profession, but not Mr. Ley. At seventy-nine, Mr. Ley is still a firefighter. You will find him at the Woodbury firehouse any time throughout the day. A graduate of Drexel University, Mr. Ley found his calling in serving his community and country. As an Army veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Ley returned to the United States a decorated veteran and continued his tireless public service.

In the Woodbury Heights Fire Department, Mr. Ley fought for the donation of an ambulance to begin emergency life support service in the 1960s. He has held several positions within the company, including assistant chief, deputy chief, safety officer, fire marshal and secretary for relief associations. His public service record includes time as a disaster volunteer with the Red Cross and Mayor of Woodbury Heights.

Over the years, Mr. Ley has been given several awards to recognize his consistent contributions to our community. The awards include the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and Distinguished Citizen Award, the Exceptional Duty Award in Gloucester County Fire Chiefs Association, the Unsung Hero Award—Russell Berrie Foundation and the Lifetime of Service Presidential Award.

It takes tremendous valor to run into a burning building while everyone else is running out. As he begins his fifty-second year at Woodbury Heights Fire Department, let us take a moment to honor the dedication, professionalism and bravery Don demonstrates every day. The core values we aspire to teach our children are all exemplified by his courage and selflessness.

HONORING COLBY HARRISON
SCROGGINS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colby Harrison Scroggins. Colby is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colby has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colby has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Colby has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Colby refinished the floor of the Firemen's Memorial in Cameron, Missouri, and also constructed two 8' x 10' planters on either side of the memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colby Harrison Scroggins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LESTER B. LAVE

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Carnegie Mellon University professor Lester B. Lave, who passed away on May 9th at the age of 71.

Dr. Lave spent most of his career at CMU, where he distinguished himself as one of the world's most influential contributors to economics and environmental science. In addition to his title as University Professor, the highest distinction a faculty member can achieve at Carnegie Mellon, Dr. Lave served as the Harry B. and James H. Higgins Professor of Economics at the Tepper School of Business, director of the Green Design Initiative, and co-director of the Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center.

In a career that spanned more than 40 years, Dr. Lave tackled some of the most important questions relating to health, safety, energy, and the environment. By applying principles from economics and risk analysis, he performed ground-breaking research on a wide range of topics including global warming, automobile and transportation safety, dam safety, and the environmental effects of fuel additives.

Dr. Lave first gained attention from scholars and policy-makers in the 1970's when he and Eugene Seskin published research showing that air pollution was linked to increased death rates in American cities. Lave and Seskin's work was highly controversial. But it was supported by further research, and we now know that approximately 1 percent of all deaths in the United States stem from small-particle air pollution. This research later served as a basis for EPA clean air regulations.